

REOPENING OREGON OLCC GUIDANCE – PHASE ONE



ON-SITE SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION

IMPORTANT - Notification of reopening

- ✓ ***Licensees in an approved county may open without notifying the OLCC, as long as no changes are made to the premises and licensees comply with OHA social distancing guidelines.***
- ✓ Licensees ***that are modifying their premises to comply with OHA social distancing requirements MUST notify the OLCC.*** A licensee may apply to expand a service area even if the licensee is not yet in a county that has been approved by the Governor to reopen.

REOPENING

Governor Kate Brown announced that businesses in counties satisfying specific public health requirements are eligible to reopen. The Governor's plan announced three phases. Many counties were approved to reopen under Phase I as early as May 15, 2020.

- [Go here](#) to find out if your business is in a county that is approved to open because it is in Phase I, II, or III.
- [Go here](#) for Governor Brown's May 14, 2020 Executive Order 20-25: A Safe and Strong Oregon: Maintaining Essential Health Directives in Response to COVID-19, and Implementing a Phased Approach for Reopening Oregon's Economy.

Once a county is approved to reopen, the restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting rooms, and distilleries in that county may begin limited reopening. Licensees in counties in Phase I must comply with specific Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Phase I reopening guidance.

- OHA guidance is [available here](#); OHA Reopening FAQ is [available here](#)
- OLCC is unable to address OHA guidance. OHA has information on its website: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19> (which also has a "contact us" email button) or call 503-947-2340.

IMPORTANT: If your OLCC-licensed business is [NOT in a county approved for reopening](#), or the Governor reverses a county's status from Phase I, II, or III to the baseline phase, you must follow the Governor's Baseline Requirements in Executive Order [20-25](#) which prohibit offering or allowing on- premises consumption of food and drink, including alcoholic beverages.

- For complaints, contact the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) enforce.web@oregon.gov

Licensees who operate in violation of the Governor's Orders will be subject to enforcement action, which may include license suspension.

This document will be updated if the Governor makes modifications to Phase I requirements relating to on-site service and consumption of food and beverage. In addition, this document will be updated with reopening information as operational details relating to on-site consumption of food and beverage are released for Phases II & III.

MY OLCC-LICENSED BUSINESS IS IN A COUNTY APPROVED TO REOPEN. ARE THERE ANY OLCC REQUIREMENTS?

Licensees in counties approved to reopen may begin operating without notifying the OLCC, as long as no changes are made to the premises, and licensees comply with OHA social distancing requirements.

Licensees in counties approved to reopen that are modifying their premises to comply with OHA social distancing requirements **MUST** notify the OLCC. Go [here](#) for an application to expand a service area.

GUIDANCE ON IMPORTANT OLCC TOPICS:

CURRENT OLCC LICENSE

Only businesses with a **current** OLCC license may sell and serve alcoholic beverages for drinking on or off of the premises.

If you **do NOT have a current OLCC license** and you want to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for drinking on or off of the premises, you must apply to the OLCC for a license. Go [here](#).

LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE

If you have a license with a liquor liability insurance requirement, you **must** have current liquor liability insurance for the premises that meets minimum coverage requirements **prior to** re-starting the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

If you provided notice to the OLCC that you cancelled or suspended your liquor liability insurance policy because of COVID-19 business conditions, please follow the process outlined in this [document](#) **before** re-starting the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

EXPANDING THE AREA WHERE YOU WANT TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON- PREMISES CONSUMPTION

Licensees in counties approved by the Governor for reopening may begin operating without notifying the OLCC, **as long as no changes are made to the premises.**

Licensees who *are expanding their premises* to include an outdoor or indoor area, including sidewalks, parking lots, or a street or an additional indoor area, must first notify the OLCC of the additional service areas. Go [here](#) for an application to expand a service area. A licensee may apply to expand a service area even if the licensee is not yet in a county that has been approved by the Governor to reopen.

OLCC MINOR POSTINGS

Licensees who do not want to allow minor patrons into a premises, room, or area where minors already are prohibited under the minor posting assigned by the OLCC, do not need to contact the OLCC on this issue.

Licensees who want to allow minor patrons into a premises, room, or area where minors are already prohibited under a minor posting assigned by the OLCC, may allow minors into the room or area provided they:

- **DO NOT** allow minors in a room or area where there are video lottery games (but not other games offered by the Oregon Lottery, such as scratch-its, keno, etc.) or nude entertainment and not allow minors in an area where this entertainment is visible.
- **DO** ensure that in the premises, room, or area where minors are allowed that either:
 - The primary activity is patrons consuming food; or
 - If the primary activity is not solely patrons consuming food, there is not a combination of conditions or factors which create an environment where drinking alcohol is or appears to be the predominant activity. Typically, this scenario is created by the combination of several factors, such as dim lighting and the conspicuous display of multiple alcohol signs, banners, and posters.

OTHER IMPORTANT OLCC INFORMATION

The OLCC has produced a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document addressing information related to OLCC's response to Governor Brown's Executive orders. That document is available [here](#).

I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE OLCC. HOW DO I CONTACT THE OLCC?

In order to help contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the OLCC has closed its offices to the general public, and OLCC staff are following physical distancing measures, so OLCC offices are **open only by APPOINTMENT**.

- Find your local OLCC office here: [List of OLCC offices based on the counties they serve](#).
- To contact the OLCC by email please refer to the contact list located on the [OLCC's Covid-19 Business Continuity Page](#).

I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT AN OLCC LICENSEE. HOW DO I REPORT A POSSIBLE VIOLATION AT A LOCATION WITH AN OLCC LICENSE?

In order to report a possible violation at an OLCC licensed location, please contact our Public Safety team at 503-872-5253.